

**MINNESOTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 21, 2017

The Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights convened at the University of St. Thomas School of Law at 1101 Harmon Pl, Minneapolis, MN 55403, Frey Moot Courtroom to hear testimony regarding civil rights concerns related to policing practices in the state. Velma Korbel chaired the meeting and performed the initial roll call of committee members present. This meeting was recorded and open to the public from 8:00 AM to 5:15 PM EST.

State Advisory Committee Members Present:

Present:

1. Korbel, Velma (Chair)
2. Battle, Robert
3. Dobratz, Matthew
4. Kolbo, Kirk
5. Beaulieu, Jacqueline
6. Vischer, Robert
7. Guadarrama, Leticia
8. Nelson, Teresa
9. Valens, Nyagatare
10. Huynh, Denise

Absent:

1. Doyle, Kenneth (Vice Chair)
2. Check, Ryan
3. Levy-Pounds, Nekima
4. Taylor, Craig

Commission Staff present:

1. Karen N. Narasaki, USCCR Commissioner
2. Melissa Wojnaroski, Civil Rights Analyst
3. David Barreras, Civil Rights Analyst
4. Carolyn Allen, Administrative Assistant
5. Olivia Wilks, Civil Rights Intern
6. Victoria Moreno, Civil Rights Intern

Members of the Public Present:

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| 1. Kristoffer R. Tigue | 2. Faith Jackson | 3. Brittany Lewis |
| 4. Riham Feshir | 5. Raj Sethuraju | 6. Charles Nguyen |
| 7. Jerry McAfee | 8. Dave Bicking | 9. Janet Nye |
| 10. Steven Wulff | 11. Dorian Scott | 12. Charles Sutton |
| 13. Ann Haines | 14. Susan Hilal | 15. Julianne Chase-Wilson |
| 16. Samuel Willis | 17. Michelle Phelps | 18. Abdulkadir Yusuf |
| 19. Nick Ngo | 20. Chuck Turchick | 21. Ea Porter |
| 22. Jon Collins | 23. Garrison McMurtrey | 24. Ted Shillingstad |
| 25. Lonna Hunter | 40. Mohamed Noor | 55. Zach Freimark |
| 26. Grace Clark | 41. Abe Asher | 56. Molly Miles |
| 27. Camilla Bendetti | 42. Eliza Macy | 57. Quinn Rafferty |
| 28. Sam Fleming | 43. Mara Short | 58. Nolan Wages |
| 29. Jo Ireland | 44. Atticus Kleen | 59. Natasha Mwonga |
| 30. Suzanna Jackson | 45. Michelle Mastrianni | 60. Jane Roarty |
| 31. Julia Eshaghpour | 46. Jenny Shin | 61. Henry Harper |
| 32. Danny Mussie | 47. Chelsea Waters | 62. Anna Fineanganofa |
| 33. EJ Coolidge | 48. Jay Colond | 63. Guy Chinang |
| 34. Jon Vang | 49. Muna Omar | 64. Kendra Roedi |
| 35. Ashley Aguy | 50. Kayla Kienzle | 65. Virginia Flurry |
| 36. Jeffrey Aguy | 51. Chong Vang | 66. Eloa Verona |
| 37. Sherman Patterson | 52. Linda Her | 67. Naomi Klinosky |
| 38. Nathan Schlitter | 53. Chauntyll Allen | 68. Talia Young |
| 39. Robert Thomasser | 54. Danielle Swift | 69. John Boss |
| 70. Mitra Nelson | 71. Leslie Redmond | |
| 72. Jasmine Porter | 73. Brandt Williams | |
| 74. Samantha Holte | 75. Cara Hoch | |
| 76. Brian Marquart | 77. Kristin Lail | |
| 78. Christina | 80. Patrick Steinitz | |
| 79. Mara Espey-Sundt | 81. Andrew Tierney | |
| 82. Robert Hanson | 83. Eleanor Richardson | |

Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:

The Committee heard testimony from the following individuals according to the agenda noted:

Opening Remarks and Introductions (8:00-8:15am)

Academic Panel (8:15-9:30am)

- Dr. Tracie Keese, Deputy Commissioner of Training NYPD
- Emily Baxter, We Are All Criminals
- Dr. James Densley, Metropolitan State University, Criminal Justice Department

- Dr. Ebony Ruhland, Robina Institute

Community I Panel (9:45-11:00am)

- Ben Feist, ACLU of Minnesota
- Shane Zahn, Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District
- Justin Terrell, Take Action MN
- Dr. Louis Porter II, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage

Community II Panel (11:15am-12:30pm)

- Henry Jimenez, Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs
- Roxanne Anderson, OutFront
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- Jason Sole, NAACP
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Law Enforcement Panel I (1:15pm-2:00pm)

- Chief Janee Harteau, Minneapolis Police Department
- Bob Kroll, Police Officer's Federation of Minneapolis
- Sheriff James Stuart, Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Law Enforcement Panel II (2:05pm-3:00pm)

- Sgt. Kel McDaniel, Community Engagement Team, Hennepin County
- Michael Gallagher, Bloomington Police Officer's Federation
- Chief Todd Axtell, St. Paul Police Department
- Officer Lou Ferraro, St. Paul Police Department

Policy-Makers/Judiciary Panel (3:10pm-4:20pm)

- Dr. Gene Borgida, University of Minnesota, Law and Psychology Departments
- Mark Kappelhoff, Former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, DOJ
- Barbara Johnson, Minneapolis City Council
- Andrea Brown, Police Conduct Oversight Commission and Ramsey County Public Defender

Open Forum (4:20-5:15pm)

Closing Remarks (5:15 pm)

Also invited to testify were Vina Kay with Voices for Racial Justice, Robert Lilligren with Native American Community Development Institute, and Sheriff Stanek, Hennepin County Sheriff, who were unable to attend.

Testimony focused on civil rights concerns and 21st Century policing practices. Panelists

discussed the pillars of 21st Century Policing, historical trauma, as well as poverty and community investment. Testimony also covered topics such as disparate policing in communities of color, immigrant communities, individuals in the LGBTQ community, and those experiencing homelessness.

At the conclusion of testimony given on each panel, Committee members had the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.

No decisions were made and no votes taken. A transcript of the proceedings will be available and included with meeting records within 30 days.

Public Comment:

During the Open Forum session listed on the above agenda, the meeting was opened for comments from members of the public. During the session, testimony was received from:

- Ashley Aguy
- Dave Bicking
- Dorian Scott
- Ea Porter
- Jay Colond
- Chong Vang
- Linda Her
- Janet Nye
- Jon Vang
- Chauntyll Allen

Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting and to provide additional testimony either orally or in writing.

Written testimony from members of the public will continue to be accepted until April 21, 2017. For more information contact the USCCR Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 312-353-8311.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned 5:15pm CDT.